

public input meeting minutes

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Discussion:

The intent of this public input meeting was for the Community and specific Focus Groups to provide valuable input to the City and Design Team about what they feel the future Waukee Recreation Complex should be.

1. General overview:
 - a. Great need for a facility.
 - b. Revenue generation very important.
2. What is WAC Softball?
 - a. Waukee Athletic Club Softball (competitive league).
 - b. 501c Organization.
 - c. Ages 8 to 14:
 - i. U8; 2 teams.
 - ii. U10; 3 teams.
 - iii. U12; 3 teams.
 - iv. U14; 1 team.
 - d. ASA (Amateur Softball Association of America) Rules.
3. Schedule:
 - a. January to March; practice.
 - b. April; Sat and Sun Games in Ankeny – Pre–season league play.
 - c. Mid April to July; Tournament season play.
 - d. August to September; Mid Iowa Girls Softball Organization (MIGSO) league play – 16 games.
4. Financing:
 - a. Individual Registration Fees
 - b. \$150 – U8 & U10
 - c. \$200 – U12 & U14



5. Facility could hold 2–3 tournaments per year.
6. What are some premier facilities you have been to and/or are aware of?
 - a. Sioux City.
 - b. Urbandale.
 - c. Burlington; indoor area and batting cage, 200' Outfields.
 - d. Facilities with:
 - i. Pitcher and player warm–up areas; reduces time for warm–up on field between games.
 - ii. Batting cages.
 - iii. Shaded area with paving for spectators and players.
 - iv. Prefer a smaller central storage facility and a larger satellite storage facility.
7. What are some additional amenities you would like to see as part of the Waukee Recreation Complex?
 - a. Concessions:
 - i. Important revenue generation to league.
 - ii. Can provide revenue for facility.
 - iii. Storage – Freezer (walk–in).
 - iv. Dry Storage.
 - b. Umpire Facilities with lockers.
 - c. Family oriented amenities:
 - i. Shade.
 - ii. Playground.
 - iii. Parking.
 - iv. Restrooms.
 - v. Picnic area.
 - vi. Open Space.
 - d. Tent areas for teams – plenty of open space.
 - e. Lighted fields; especially for tournament play.
 - f. Adult league play fields in close proximity to youth leagues fields to create a unique dynamic.
 - g. Electricity at mound for pitching machines.
8. Practice could continue at Centennial Park and at 4th street open space.

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